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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>	Application Number:	09/972,010
	Filing Date:	October 5, 2001
	First Named Inventor:	M.D. Baldwin et al.
	Group Art Unit:	2145
	Examiner Name:	Azizul Q. Choudhury
	Atty Docket Number:	SJO920010093US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000.**

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply, 12 pages
  - ii. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
  - iii. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time

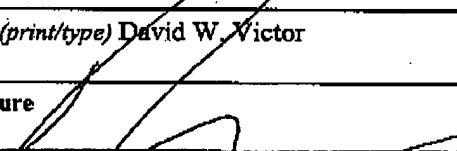
**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

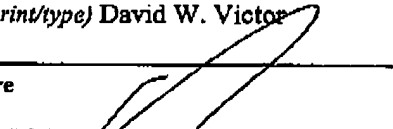
**3. Fees**

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0466.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☒ All required extension of time fees (under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in this RCE or in any concurrent and future communications/replies requiring a petition for extension of time.
  - iii. ☒ Charge Any Deficiency.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) for extending One Month Extension of Time to Two Month Extension.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (print/type) David W. Victor	Registration No. Registration No. 39,867
Signature 	Date October 24, 2005

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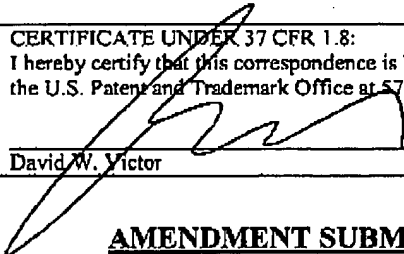
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Applicant(s):	M.D. Baldwin et al.	Examiner	Azizul Q. Choudhury
Serial No.	09/972,010	Group Art Unit	2145
Filed	October 5, 2001	Docket No.	SJO920010093US1
TITLE	STORAGE AREA NETWORK METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATION AND INTERFACING WITH MULTIPLE PLATFORMS		

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David W. VictorAMENDMENT SUBMITTED CONCURRENTLY WITH  
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to a final office action in the above case dated June 16, 2005 ("Final Office Action") and Advisory Action dated July 20, 2005 in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) by prior art. On October 20, 2005, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner had a phone interview discussing the prior art rejections. No agreement was reached. Applicants have amended the independent claims and other claims to provide further distinctions over the cited art and canceled claims 2 and 22. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections with respect to the amended claims and submit that all pending claims 1, 3-21, and 23-26 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

The amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.